

**Olivette City Council
Special Worksession
March 21, 2023
Minutes**

Mayor Weil called the meeting to order at 7:04pm on March 21, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Upon Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Weil, ProTem Carl, Councilmember Waldman, and Councilmember Clark. Councilmember Knox was absent with excuse.

Also present was City Manager Sondag.

Discussion of FY24 Council Budget

The Council reviewed the Legislative budget for Fiscal Year 2024 starting on July 1, 2023. The Council discussed funding for Town Hall meetings to introduce the new City Manager to residents and businesses. They identified the need for better technology when holding meetings and interviews in conference rooms. Council also wanted to ensure that lapel microphones were being purchased for use during more intimate events such as Coffee with the Mayor. Sondag stated she would make the recommended changes.

Discussion of Sustainability


Chairman ProTem Carl reviewed with the Council a presentation he had prepared for a resident group. The presentation provided an overview of definitions and a process by which strategic energy plan could be developed. Sondag presented the Council with the City's first energy usage analysis performed in conjunction with Net Zero Analysis. This focused on building usage of electricity, water, and gas. Similar analysis could be performed on City vehicles and equipment. Carl then discussed future opportunities such as Urban Ecoblock and Community Land Trust initiatives. Carl also discussed the Council/City acting in an advocate for persons/developers interested in climate sustainable features. The Council discussed possible next steps and committed to further discussions and development of an action plan to move forward on the matter.

At approximately 9:00 pm Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chairman ProTem Carl.



Maxine Weil, Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise M. Mandle
Acting City Clerk